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VE3TBR

Phone: 807-767-7661

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VE3YQT

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NEXT MEETING



7 p.m. Room 237
McIntyre Building
Confederation College

Well, as they said about about a 1,000 years ago, 'Sumer is icumen!' [sic]. Some things just never change with the passage of time.

Included in this issue of *HI-Q*, is a special insert for LARC members only, which contains the speed-dial directory listing for everyone in the club. There is a lot that the repeaters can offer us and it's a shame that they get very little usage

At the June meeting, there will be demonstrations on how to use the voice-mail, the autopatch, how to program speed-dial numbers and passwords, etc.. Also, the reference manual for the various VE3TBR functions will be available. Bring your HTs to the meeting.

Ten metres is starting to open up. If you ever wanted an incentive to get your code up to 12 w.p.m., now is the time to day it! If anyone is interested in the 10-10 International Club, I have the information on and how to join the club. You can get on 10 metres really cheaply and easily, mobile or base (once you get the code).

This month's Personality is Steven Bush, VE3DP. I used to

worked with his son, Dave, in Aeradio. Steven has taught me a lot about antennas! I would encourage all the new amateurs to look Steven up and pay him a visit, when they want to start building their own antennas. You aren't a real ham until you make and hang your own wire, with the solder burns to prove it!

The answer to last month's archive quizz: Ray Greer, VE3CH suggested the club name change. Apparently, the new name just never took.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. From a Coast Guardsman, a safety tip—Remember to always wear your lifejacket in the boat.

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The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club, in cooperation with the City of Thunder Bay, is offering the Thunder Bay Voyageur Award to any station working or monitoring at least 5 Thunder Bay stations. The award is an attractive 8.5" by 11" parchment scroll, truly a complement to any radio shack.

Send a copy of your log with call signs, dates, times, frequencies and \$2.00 to the Awards Manager at the club address listed below.

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LARC membership fees, determined annually, are set for this year as follows: Regular—\$30.00, Associate—\$20.00, Associate (attending ham classes)—\$80.00, Students (attending school full-time)—\$15.00 and Family—\$30.00 plus \$10.00 for each additional family member at the same address. HI-Q is sent to all LARC members, except that only one copy is mailed to each address.

In honour of the memory of our founding president, Mr. P.J. (Pat) O'Shea, the club call sign is VE3FW.

The LARC owns and operates 2 VHF repeaters, VE3TBR 146.82(-) located atop St. Joseph's Heritage and VE3YQT 147.06(-) located atop Mount Baldy.

The club mailing address is: LARC • 1100-C Memorial Avenue, Suite 184 • Thunder Bay, ON • P7B 4A3 • Canada.

An Open Letter

Re: Display of Amateur Radio Equipment Loaned by Charles C. McDonald, VE3GS, to the Thunder Bay Historical Thunder Bay Historical Society Museum.

During my recent visit to Thunder Bay, I spoke on the telephone to several members of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) about the possibility of their participation with the Thunder Bay Historical Society (TBHS) in developing a permanent display of early amateur radio activities and equipment at the Thunder Bay Historical Society Museum.

Although my father, Charles C. McDonald, originally call letters C4AC and later VESGS, was one of the founding members of the club that is now named the LARC, apparently no one in the club knew that he had loaned many items of historical and technical interest to the TBHS Museum. He intended that this equipment be displayed in the Thunder Bay district for educational purposes and historical record.

Now that the Thunder Bay Historical Society has acquired new and much larger quarters, there is the potential to develop a meaningful, educational display that will illustrate and record the accomplishments and the contributions of hams in the Thunder Bay area.

The Thunder Bay Historical Society will find it difficult to accomplish this on its own because the information and the technology exist only in the heads of a diminishing few hams who were a part of this saga.

The LARC is a unique resource because it has members who

participated in these developments and know the technology of the past. The recent displays of old ham equipment, presented by the LARC on its 60th anniversary, indicate clearly that your group is interested in and proud of its past.

I was very pleased and encouraged by the conversations that I had with several LARC members. I suggested that the LARC, as an organization, and its members offer to assist the TBHS developing a suitable display that would utilize the equipment provided by my father, VE3GS.

Sincerely,
Charlie McDonald

NEW BASIC HAMs!

Congratulations go out to Gerry (Big Burney), VA3BRN and Judy, VA3EAP. They just got their Basic tickets and should be burning up the airwaves this summer. Now, about that Morse code...

NEW ADVANCED HAM!

Yours truly, (the HI-Q editor, VA3ROM) sat for the Advanced test last month, (watched very carefully by V.E. Ed, VE3SNW). Guess my wireless mike was showing! hi, hi. Oh, yes. I did pass.

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Meeting Minutes

BY NORM, VE3XRC

Minutes of a meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club held in Room 237 at Confederation College, Thunder Bay, Ontario on May 11, 1995.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson with 38 members and guests in attendance. The meeting started with a round-table of those in attendance introducing themselves.

The attendance of two newly licensed amateurs, VA3EAP Judy and VA3BRN Gerry was recognized by the club members.

Minutes Of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held April 13, 1995 were published in the May edition of HI-Q and mailed to all members.

Motion: moved by VE3BHN, Bob Gillespie and seconded by VE3MEN, Mel Simenac that the minutes be adopted as printed. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

VE3BBS, Skip Wright reported the annual 1994-1995 financial statement as of May 11, 1995 as follows:

Balance as of April 13, 1995:	\$2,849.12
Income:	386.23
Expenses:	653.35
Balance as of May 11, 1995:	\$2,582.00

Note: The above balance shown above includes \$ 1,958.00 in the Irkutsk fund.

Motion: moved by VE3RVA, Bob Hansen and seconded by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

President's Report VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson

Congratulations to the new hams who have recently passed the basic exam and are now on the air.

A DF Seminar was held on Thursday May 4th with about 20 amateurs in attendance. VE3XT, Bill Unger described several different types of DF antennas and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Many picked up plans and are now in the process of building a DF antenna. Bill even included a couple of jokes!?

Grand Marais link: the duplexers were at the meeting for display and a chance for the "doctors" to check them out.

Old Business

Club Logo: VA3RIM, Ian Mellis is working on covering in plastic a large club logo which can be used at functions promoting the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club.

Irkutsk: VA3GD, Pat Doherty has been having trouble getting through to Russia but has now got an E-mail path. He is looking at early July for our friends from Irkutsk coming to Canada. By May 18th, Pat hopes to have some

definite word on what is happening. Pat is also looking for members of the Lakehead Amateur Club to open up their homes to host the amateurs from Irkutsk.

New Business

Upcoming events: VE3BBS, Skip Wright announced that the club will be participating in the Royal LePage Run For Women on Saturday May 13th and the Legion 10 Mile Road Race to be held on Monday, May 22, 1995.

As well, the 1995 Field Day has been scheduled for the Boy Scout Camp at Trout Lake the last weekend in June.

Hats and T-shirts: VA3DPB, Don Bel asked if there was any interest in acquiring hats and T-shirts with the club logo on them. A show of hands indicated that there was interest in the hats.

Adjournment: moved by VE3ZG, Mike Nawrocki that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

50/50 Draw: winner of the 50/50 draw was VE3ZG, Mike Nawrocki.

Following a short break, VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson put on a demonstration of tuning a set of VHF duplexers, the actual ones that will be used on the link to Grand Marais. Terry explained the use of duplexers, for some of us it was the first time we had ever seen such units.

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Celebrate Canada Day!

Celebrate Canada Day with Amateur Radio! Not a contestor but want to get your feet wet? But you are just a little leery about that G5RV or lack of power, no beam, not really sure what to do?

Well have we got a contest for you! The Radio Amateurs of Canada sponsor the Canada Day Contest, 01 July 1995. This is a 24-hour Canadian contest and 90 percent of the contacts are with other Canadians in the Canadian portion of the bands, so you are not fighting the big guys in the United States.

It's simple. Exchanged are call sign, signal report and province and that's it! Contacts are made on either SSB or CW. There are many different categories, Single Operator, Signal Band; Single Operator, All Bands; Single Operator, All Bands, Low Power; and Multi-Operator stations. You pick the mode that you feel the most comfortable with.

Trophies are sponsored by Atlantic Ham Radio, Durham Radio, H.C. MacFarlane Electronics and Norham Radio and are awarded to the top operators in their class. As well, RAC forwards certificates to top scorers in each province in the various categories.

GARANTENNAS will sponsor a plaque for the top scorer in the low power category who is a member of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club and who submits a log to RAC. Log sheets and entry

forms are available from either Norm, VE3XRC or Skip, VE3BBS. Anything that you are not sure of, we can square you off on it. Come join the fun and celebrate Canada Day on July 1st with your fellow Canadian hams!

Members of RAC, receive the complete rules and forms with the June issue of The Canadian Amateur.

The Winter Contest results of the Thunder Bay amateurs were Skip, VE3RCN with 334 QSO's, 30 multipliers for a score of 97,740 points (top score Ontario). Second place goes to Norm, VE3XRC with 144 QSO's, 29 multipliers for a score of 43,442. Dwayne, VE3DZR placed 3rd with 88 contacts, 16 multipliers for a score of 14,144. Annabelle, VE3XAW entered as a single operator on 80 metres and logged 42 contacts with 8 multipliers for a score of 3,536.

Field Day '95

"CQ FIELD DAY THIS IS VE3Fox Whiskey" This year, that call will originate from the Regional Boy Scout camp at Trout Lake. An ideal site for this year's event. The whole family can get involved. There is a sand beach for those who wish to swim. The lake is large enough for those interested in water skiing or other things nautical. A boat launch is also

available. There is lots of room to let the dog run and there is even a baseball field in case the bands are really bad! The parking lot can accommodate all types of campers. Full galley facilities and sleeping accommodations are there for those who wish to stay over for the complete 24 hour period or longer. The club will supply the coffee, you supply your own grub.

The event runs 24th and 25th June 1995 from 1800 UTC Saturday to 1800 UTC Sunday. Setup will begin 1800 UTC Friday (2 p.m. local time). Plans are for a spaghetti supper to assist with the fund raising efforts for the Irkutsk Fund. We intend to operate all bands except 160 metres but that could change; we do have the room to play on that band. Modes will be SSB, CW, RTTY and PACKET. Hams who are interested in setting up, donating gear or operating on the bands are asked to contact Skip, VE3BBS, Emergency Co-ordinator, Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Thunder Bay District.

Full details will be available at the June club meeting. Hope to see you all there! Let's make this the biggest and best Field Day ever.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

The special prefix CG3V will be used by the Chatham Kent ARC for use from July 1-31. They will be celebrating the the City of Chatham's centennial year.

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Personality of the Month

Steven Bush, VE3DP

BY IAN, VA3RIM

Steve Bush, VE3DP was born in Nagycent, Hungary on August 8, 1926. Steve's father was the Hungarian equivalent of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer. For the first five and one-half years of life, Steve was raised by his grandparents who spoke a mixture of the Swiss and Austrian languages. When Steve was old enough for elementary school he went to live with his parents who by then had moved to Tapolca, in the Zala Megye district south-east of Nagycent. In elementary school, Steve had to learn and speak Hungarian for the first time. He then went on to complete his high school education.

In 1941, at the age of 15 years, Steve became an apprentice aircraft mechanic at the local airport. He wanted join the Military and so in 1944 he enlisted. For the next four years, Steve was a Border Patrol Officer. Every four to six months his location would change. As Steve says, "We were given more training should the need arise for immediate transfer to other posts."

Rumours began to circulate that the Hungarian military would be required to "work with" the Russian forces that had occupied the country. Steve decided to "get the hell out there!" because he had a different philosophy of life than theirs. At the right moment, in August, 1948, Steve escaped across the Hungarian border into

Austria where he stayed with relatives for a short time and then went on to Salzburg, Austria where he reported to authorities that he had escaped from the Hungarian military who had to follow Russian rules. He then was sent to "Hotel Europe", the displaced-persons camp. Steve was now a "DP!" [Note callsign].

After the initial screening, Steve was able to move about Salzburg, Austria with various passes that were required by the police. For the next two years, he worked at a variety of jobs such as farm work and in construction at a high-rise complex. Steve was even able to utilize his knowledge of languages when he was able to help people with translations between Hungarian, German and Austrian. In March, 1950, Steve was sent to Bremenhaven, Austria where refugees underwent the final processing for emigration to other countries.

On May 17, 1950, Steve Bush stepped off the ship onto Canadian soil at Halifax. He had in his hand a piece of paper that allowed him to stay in Canada or to go on to the United States of America. Steve quickly made the choice. He got down on his knees and kissed Canadian soil. Just this week, forty-five years later, he said to me, "Oh, it is so nice in Canada!"

For one year, Steve was required to work for the Canadian Government and so he was sent to

Belwood, Ontario, in southern Ontario where he worked on a farm for one year and of course he had to learn to speak English. After that he worked at the Homewood Sanitarium in Guelph for another year. Steve wanted to get to northern Ontario where there were supposed to be jobs so he caught a train and headed north. At the stop in Nipigon, Ontario, Steve went to a nearby restaurant and while sitting there he overheard some men speaking Hungarian! He asked to join them. They told Steve that there were jobs in the bush camps. Steve was wary. He did not want to be deceived, but he did get his job in a bush camp and then later he got a job in the Red Rock Paper Mill. After a short time, Steve applied for and got a job at the Ontario Psychiatric Hospital located then on Highway 61 south of Thunder Bay where the Correctional Centre is presently located.

This must have been a busy time for Steve. At first, he worked in the yard, but later graduated inside to work on the wards. Within six months he had married, Velmae, the Scottish secretary of the administrator. It was during this time that Steve became a Canadian citizen. It was also at this time that Steve got his Amateur Radio License in 1955 and joined the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club. Steve even took two courses that

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qualified him as a Registered Nursing Assistant with the Ontario College of Nurses. When the present Ontario Hospital was built near Boulevard Lake, Velmae continued to be the secretary to the administrator and Steve moved over there too, working on the wards until he retired in 1987. Velmae retired in 1988. That is a long time to work in that kind of environment.

Being so busy with so many other things must have helped. Steve and Velmae raised three sons. Steve received his Advanced Amateur Radio License in 1972. For seventeen years, Steve was a member of LARC where he distinguished himself at field-days, climbing trees, climbing towers when putting up antennas. From several reliable sources within LARC, comes the word that Steve Bush knows well, the world of antenna design, construction and their erection.

Another of Steve's accomplishments is his facility with languages. He is fluent in Hungarian, German, Norwegian, French and Spanish. On top of this, he says that he can "get-by" with about thirty-five other languages and dialects [depending on how you count] although he does not get many chances to use them. He demonstrated this to me but what do I know! He showed me his library of dictionaries. His computer is full of dictionary data bases. With his incredible knowledge of languages and his radio, Steve has talked around the world with CW and voice. As

Steve says, "Yakity-yaking in foreign languages seemingly had some magical effect on me. Foreign languages have always been fascinating and I noticed that after each contact that I had learned a few more words."

Because talking around the world is so easy for Steve, he has had to seek challenges in his other hobbies. You should visit his backyard garden and two greenhouses this summer! Tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn and other exotica, too numerous to mention. Anyone for grapes? They're for eating not wine! Should you not see the garden at first glance because it is so big, you will find it under his antenna farm! Be sure to check with Steve first, because even at sixty nine years of age, Steve would be a formidable adversary. We just would not want to lose any LARC members; fees are hard to collect as it is!

Checking with Steve first to see that he is home is wise because he has another passion and that is fishing. He just might be "gone fishin'" to some river or lake to find some peace and solitude. He does not take his radio with him. If Steve is at home you might challenge him to a game of chess, another of his hobbies but then you just might find it safer [depending upon your opinion] to get Steve talking about the "world-of-the-unexplained", the psychic world. He might even be persuaded to demonstrate. It is incredible!

Steve can be heard occasionally on the Northwestern Ontario Net and on the Sandbox Net but just so that you can say that you have

talked to this incredible man, give him a land-line and invite yourself over to see his garden. As one member of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club says of Steve, "You would be hard pressed to find a nicer man."

On behalf of the members of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club, thanks for choosing Canada as your home, Steve, you have made it a richer place to be.

Friends of Irkutsk

The following hams have made donations to the Irkutsk '95 fund. It is much appreciated with many thanks. Total contributions to date: \$1200.00.

VE3EEI, Matti; VA3JMS, John; VE3LMV, Bill; VE3ICY, Glen; VE3AVS, Dave; VE3HMU, Bev; VE3AFF, Cliff; Student Mike J.; VE3ELV, Betty; VE3RZL, Bob; VA3SAM, Sam; VE3FTS, Bill; VE3TKA, Terry; VE3RVA, Bob; VE3ARN/7, Bill; VE3KRM, Martin; VE3DJM, Murray; VE3DZR, Dwayne; VE3XAW, Annabelle; VE3ZZA, Ann; VE3RRT, Bob; VE3AZB, Allan; VE3BBS, Skip; VE3ZG, Mike and VE3MJN, Marion.

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RAC Outgoing QSL Bureau

One of the most rewarding and challenging, yet sometimes frustrating aspects of this great hobby of ours is QSL'ing. Doing it right the first time may save you some of that frustration. For those of you new to amateur radio, receiving your first QSL card can rank up there among the thrills such as your first contact on the air, working your first DX (Distant) station or being able to provide assistance to a stranded motorist by utilizing the repeater system to get help or placing a phone patch.

A QSL card can take many shapes and forms. The standard card is 5-1/2 x 3-1/2 inches (postcard) and on it, is the call sign of the station contacted, date, time (usually in UTC) the band or frequency worked, signal report and the mode (CW, SSB, PACKET, RTTY etc.). It is a confirmation of two way contact between amateur radio stations. Many organizations that award certificates require a copy of the card to confirm your eligibility for the particular award. In planning any shack, make sure you leave sufficient wall space to display these cards.

If you are making your own cards for mailing, please make sure you use a heavy bond paper (80 lb.). Throughout the world many of the organizations operating in various countries have established QSL BUREAUS. On the air, I am sure you have heard, "PLEASE QSL VIA THE BUREAU" (or BURO in CW). Well, Canada is no different. Staffed by volunteers, Radio Amateurs of Canada provides outgoing QSL Service throughout the world for only the cost of being a member and of course RAC membership forms are available through the club. (See VE3GTJ, John for your application). In the March issue of *The Canadian Amateur*, the monthly publication of RAC there was a very informative write up about our very own QSL Bureau. For those of you who are not members of RAC or who missed reading it, here are some extracts of the more interesting parts of that particular article. Between 500-1000 cards are received daily at the bureau from hams

all across Canada. That's 275,000 cards or almost at ton of QSL cards per year. To utilize the outgoing bureau you must be a member of RAC and you have to provide your membership number when you forward your cards. The easiest way to do this is photo copy the label on your TCA and enclose it with your cards. You can also use it as part of your return address i.e., Amateur Radio Station VE3FW, C1018 1995/12. To make it easier at this first stop of the QSL card journey, please remember that Canadian and American QSL's are sorted by their call area only.

Try not to mix up Canadian and American cards with foreign cards. In addition, to speed up sorting place the call sign of the station in the upper right hand corner of the card either front or back. You can imagine if the volunteer sorter has to read every call sign as actually addressed by you, especially with the differing styles of cards, how long it is going to take to sort. Remember the faster they can sort 'em, the faster they can get 'em out.

Most of the packages forwarded to the bureau are arriving in good shape. The ones that are in tight envelopes survive the best. It seems that if the QSL cards are loose in the envelope, they get the "rip test" by the post office. An SASE with your cards will let you know how they arrived at the bureau.

The most active bureaus, such as DL, EA, F, G, UA, UA9/O, I and J are usually mailed on a 2 week schedule. The remainder are forwarded on a monthly or quarterly schedule. So, the longest your card is going to sit in the Canadian bureau is 3 months. There are of course, some countries that don't have bureaus. As of January '95 they included KH4 (Midway Island), V6 (Micronesia), XU (Kampuchea), TZ (Mali), 9G (Ghana), 5U (Niger), A6 (United Arab Emirates), 9X (Rwanda), 5T (Mauritania), T3 (Kiribati), 5H (Tanzania), A5 (Bhutan), and D2 (Angola). In addition there are some countries that are having trouble getting postal service. The bureau keeps in touch with the Post Office about this

and when service will be resumed. The following countries come under that area at present: Lebanon, Yugoslavia, Bosnia, Somalia, Chad, Iraq, Liberia and Rwanda. Any cards destined for these areas will be held and forwarded when they resume postal service. For one reason or another if your card(s) have to be returned, it will be done by the incoming bureau, but then, that's another story.

When you forward your cards, separators between cards are not necessary. Separators can sometimes slow down the sorting and like they say, they don't need the extra paper. Bundle up the cards, sorting them alphanumerically and by country. The address for the bureau is Radio Amateurs of Canada, Outgoing QSL Bureau, PO Box 3329, Morinville, Alberta T8R 1S2. Make sure you affix sufficient postage. Finally, when it all comes down to getting the job done and making the system work, it is the volunteers. The manager of the bureau is VE6VW (Norm) and his main helpers are VE6NAP (Gerry), VE6MCC (Margaret), VE6BMX (Barry), VE6BSO (Ross), VE6BAB (Gord), VE6MRT (John), VE6DLX (Heinz), VE6JY (Don), VE6JAV (John), and VE6SLV (Sharon). If you end up having a QSO on the bands with any of these dedicated hams, don't forget to say thanks, and then QSL VIA THE BUREAU!

RECYCLE THAT HI-Q

Instead of throwing out HI-Q why not donate it to a local school library, hospital or home for the aged. Someone else might be encouraged to enter the hobby. And it's less paper for the landfills.

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The Club Archive

SUBMITTED BY JIM, VE3UA

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THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CANADIAN LAKEHEAD WIRELESS EXPERIMENTERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH at 7:30 P.M. IN THE FORT WILLIAM PUBLIC LIBRARY (Next to the City Hall)

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS. MOVIES ARE ALSO BEING ARRANGED. TRY TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.

The Report of the Nominating Committee will appear on this page.

LAST MEETING

Bert Tamblin - VE3ANP really did a "bang-up" job as chairman of his committee appointed to look after the last regular meeting. Not only did he work he worked the other two members of his committee, Ron Seaborn and Fred Rolley but had almost all the Port Arthur Hams behind him as well.

After a delightful dinner in the Orpheum Grill, President Ray (VE3RA) turned the evening over to Bert and the following proved to be very interesting to all Hams and Experimenters present:

Surplus "G" Equipment - Demonstration by Neville Pettifor

Frequency Modulation - Lecture by Harry Stephens.

Tape Recorder - Demonstration by Bill Roberts. Ron Seaborn tickled the ivories a little and we were all impressed when the music was played back over the recorder. It was the intention of the Executive to have nominations at this meeting but several members suggested that a nominating committee should be appointed. Ed Sanderson was appointed chairman and Brien O'Brien and Bill Roberts were to assist him in the work. On speaking to Ed this week, he informs your Secretary that it was a most difficult job to get a full slate of officers.

However, they have chosen the following, which as you see, leaves the office of President and Vice President still vacant. The committee felt that the decision in this regard should be left to the whole Club at the next meeting: Secretary Treasurer, Frances Tamblin Executive Council, Ray Godsalve, Ron Seaborn, Bert Tamblin, Bruce Grant and Ernie Reid. The Committee felt that in view of the fact that only four are required on the Executive Council, one of the above would accept the office of President.

ON THE AIR ACTIVITIES!

Activities on ten meters seems to exceed that of the other bands. We notice that some of the other fellows are coming up on Ten Meter Phone too.

Ray Godsalve has informed us that he is going to try to establish contact with Borge Rudman at Schreiber on Ten Meter Ground Wave. Any of you fellows that are around on Sunday evening, March 14th at 9 P.M. might listen in and also stand by for VE3UE up there in Schreiber.

WRLL in Two Harbors has advised VE3BIX that he has heard him on Ground Wave a couple of times. WBBM in Grand Marais has worked Two Harbors quite consistently on Ten so let's see if we can't work something similar on the Canadian side of the Border.

Bert Lambert advises us that that strong signal emitting from VE3BKY on Ten is not an Harmonic but that he is definitely operating on that band now.

ILLEGAL OPERATION

Notification has been received by the Secretary of the Club that certain persons are engaged in operation of Radio Transmitters without a proper license, therefore The Department of Transport has advised us to that effect in the hope that we may be able to assist in eliminating it. We are reminded that this is a violation of the Radio Act of Canada and punishable by law.

NEWS BRIEFS

We congratulate Frances Tamblin on having received her Proficiency Certificate in Radio - we are all curious to know what your Call will be Frances!

We are glad to hear that so many of the prospective Hams are doing so well with their code and theory and wish them all the best in the exams that are coming up sometime this month.

Heard some of the fellows in the DX contest during February. Bert Tamblin hooked a couple of good ones!

73's. See you now next Wednesday!